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Dear Mr. Colby:

I enjoyed very much our conversation last week, and I was delighted that you will be able to participate in the Pacem in Terris IV Convocation. I am hopeful that this conference will have a salutary impact in clarifying foreign policy issues generally, as well as putting them in proper perspective, especially those aspects of it in which you have been so deeply involved. This letter recapitulates briefly what I told you August 5.

I am expecting that President Ford will open the Convocation the evening of December 1, possibly along with an address (via Telstar) by Brezhnev. The first session will be Tuesday morning, December 2, featuring an address by Kissinger, and somebody else, probably a senator, with a panel consisting of Dean Rusk, George Kennan, Senator Javits and Richard Barnet; the second session will deal with military problems of detente and here we would have Secretary Schlesinger and Representative Aspin, with panel.

Church?

The session that you will take part in along with Schlesinger will be on the morning of Thursday, December 4. We have tentatively entitled the general topic "National Security and the Democratic Process." As I told you, I hope it will deal with the broad problem of conflict and complementarity between national security needs and the democratic process in terms of not only secrecy and intelligence activities but also executive power, Congressional safeguards, civil rights, concentration of and balance of power in the constitutional system. I think the kind of high level discussion we envisage should do a great deal to clarify and support your own points of view.

What a word!

I told Frank Church's secretary, Mrs. Ward, that you probably would be discussing your joint Convocation appearance with the Senator.

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We are still working on the panel of discussants. As I mentioned, I have been thinking of Walt Rostow, Kay Graham, Charles Morgan and Rep. Andrew Young. If you do have any concrete additional or alternative suggestions, please let me know.

In between the Schlesinger-Aspin discussion December 2 and your own the morning of December 4, we are scheduling sessions dealing with the trans-national, global aspects of foreign policy, multi-nationals, etc., with Robert Anderson of ARCO versus somebody with another point of view, and Pat Moynihan on how to handle the U.N. The third one, the evening of December 3, will deal with the relationship of foreign policy to the domestic economy with Secretary Simon and, I hope, Governor Brown. The final session will hear Senators Mansfield, Scott and Kennedy, and possibly former Governors Reagan and McCall and Gene McCarthy, discussing what should be the foreign policy issues in the presidential election campaign.

I think I indicated to you that the Center is being joined as sponsor by Randolph Compton's Fund for Peace. You will soon receive a formal invitation from Robert M. Hutchins, along with a draft program which will give a better birdseye view of the whole thing. Should you have any questions, please holler. I look forward to seeing you, at least in December. In the meantime, best of luck on the Hill and elsewhere.

Yours sincerely,

Fred Warner Neal

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